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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/741,735; Filed: December 21, 2000
For: **Apparatus and Method for Drying Solutions Containing Macromolecules**
Inventors: Ally *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4060002/LEA

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
2. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
4. Information Disclosure Statement;
5. PTO Form-1449 listing 18 documents (AA1-AK1 and AA2-AG2);
6. Copies of cited documents AD1, AE1, AG1 and AG2;
7. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
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Respectfully submitted,

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First Named Inventor	Ally
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107	510	207	255 Plant filing fee
108	740	208	370 Reissue filing fee
114	160	214	80 Provisional filing fee

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102	84	202
104	280	204
108	84	209
110	18	210

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127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	110.00
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
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149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	710.00
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